TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 608 - HB 606

March 7, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Reduces, from 60 to 30 days, the time a law enforcement agency has to submit a sexual assault evidence collection kit to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) or similar qualified laboratory for either serology or DNA testing.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-13-519 entitles each victim of a sexually oriented crime to a forensic medical examination, which results in a sexual assault evidence collection kit. The healthcare provider conducting the examination must release the resulting kit to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
- The law enforcement agency must then submit the kit to the TBI for testing.
- The proposed legislation requires the law enforcement agency to submit the kit within 30 days, rather than within 60 days.
- The TBI and local law enforcement contacts report that the proposed legislation will not significantly impact their operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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